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Concordia Stingers… Magical Memories… Mike Ward

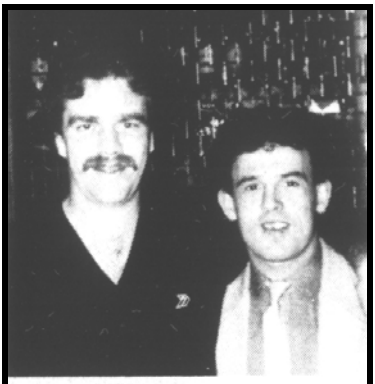
Tonight we bid a warm welcome back to the Concordia University Ice Hockey team after 27 years.

Yes! Away back in 1980 the Concordia Stingers visited our City of Discovery when they represented Canada in an International Challenge Cup event at the Kingsway Ice Rink, which included teams from Denmark, Holland & Great Britain.

That event was to be the fore-runner to a wonderful period of Ice Hockey in our City as it heralded the rebirth of the Dundee Rockets the following year and some of the guys in that wonderful Concordia side of 1980 were to play a major part in the success story that saw the Rockets win major honours year on year with the odd grand slam thrown in for good measure.

The 1980 International event was won handsomely by the Concordia men who had obviously fallen in love with Scotland and this area in particular as the following year several of their team members made the journey back for a golfing holiday, staying at Ladybank in Fife and returning to the Kingsway Ice Rink to reunite with Tam Stewart the Rockets supremo of that era.

Included in that golfing holiday which would eventually change the face of Ice Hockey in this City were such names as Roy Halpin, Chris Brinster, Kevin O'Neil, Mike Walker, Grant McNicoll, Doug Feasby & Doug Dragsevich.



MIKE & GRANT McNICOLL
(Concordia Goalie)

Tam was more than impressed with what he saw and some of these guys became key players in his vision of Ice Hockey for this City and the British League in general.

Sure enough, by the start of the 1981/82 season Tam had signed up Roy Halpin, Chris Brinster & Kevin O'Neil from the Concordia side to take their place for Dundee Rockets in the three import British league and the rest, as they say, is history!

Playing at that time for Murrayfield Racers I was fortunate enough to be included in the GB squad that weekend in April 1980.

Playing alongside me were Ally Wood, Ronnie Wood, & Jimmy Pennycook, all Racers team mates, who would join me the following season, along with these Concordia guys, as we entered a period of ice hockey in Dundee that is still fondly recalled by our older generation of supporters.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the arrival of these Concordia guys tonight, kick-started another period of Ice Hockey in this country that saw the sport thrive as it did in the 1980s!

Tam Stewart was excited and blown away with the skills of these guys of the 1980 Stingers squad and I'm sure tonight we will be just as impressed by the qualities of the class of 2007.

I personally look forward to meeting up with these guys tonight and I'm sure there will be many fond memories to be had from this evening just as there was twenty seven years ago.

I wish the entire travelling party of the Concordia Stingers the most pleasant of stays in our country and as they travel the length and breath of this island of ours on their six game tour I'm sure they will leave behind them many fond memories as did their earlier counterparts.

From everyone here at Dundee Texol Stars have a wonderful time in our City.

And thanks for the memories!

Mike Ward

Cordial Visitors!… by Canuck

Concordia Stingers. That is a name that will always be significant in local ice hockey. I won't go down the line of relating the history of the first imports to grace the Kingsway ice arena, as no doubt that story will appear elsewhere in this programme, written by people with better memories than me.

What I would like to recall however, is just what impact the three import league had on our game both locally and nationally. I well recall the state of the game before the imports, and it was still very enjoyable as far as I was concerned. The injection of a few veterans had shown novice fans like me just what a higher standard of player could offer, although these guys were undoubtedly past their best.

When the imports arrived all of a sudden we saw the game being played at a different level. In terms of skating ability, speed, stick handling ability and sheer physical presence, these guys were streets ahead of most home based players. This fact should not be seen as any mark of disrespect for our home grown guys. The simple fact was that the imports came from countries where the game of ice hockey was much more developed, had a much greater structure and had a very big following. Our guys had in the main had far less chance to develop their skills and our re-born game had had a fairly limited existence.
Nevertheless, the impact of the imports, limited to three in number cannot be underestimated.

All of a sudden a whole new crop of personalities invaded our game and overnight supporters had a whole new band of heroes. Most teams opted to go with 2 forwards and one defenceman and this was the formula throughout the three import days. Dundee Rockets briefly went with two D-men and one forward with great success, mostly due to the phenomenal attacking abilities of Czech defenceman Jaro Lycka (I just can't write any article about that era without mentioning the great man).

So did any home players manage to match the imports? In truth, until Tony Hand came along the answer is probably no. That does not mean that the Scottish players were mere passengers, and some did run the foreigners close. Also not all imports were as good as had been anticipated, and a few extra flights across the pond took place as guys were cut and replaced.

Undoubtedly, the influx of the import gave our game a great lift, and the first batch came from Concordia Stingers. Could it be that this visit by the team with the legendary name is the portent of better things to come for our game? I sincerely hope so but whether that proves to be the case or not, we will always be grateful to Concordia, and will always have soft spot for that club. I hope you enjoy tonight's game and that you keep your eyes open for exciting prospects Who knows, you might be watching Stars next imports !!!

Enjoy your evening...Canuck

1981...Concordia men… soon to become Rocket men...Kevin O'Neil, Chris Brinster & Roy Halpin get shown around Tannadice Park by Dundee United goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine

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#2
David Parent
Pos: D
Ht.: 6' 2"
Wt: 220 lbs

#3
Ron Smith
Pos: D
Ht.: 5' 9"
Wt: 175 lbs

#4
Justin Ciampini
Pos: D
Ht.: 6' 5"
Wt: 225 lbs

#5
Jesse Goodsell
Pos: D
Ht.: 6' 3"
Wt: 210 lbs

#6
David Coughlin
Pos: D
Ht: 5' 10"
Wt: 185

#7
Jason Beliveau
Pos: LW
Ht: 5'10"
Wt: 195 lbs

#8
Alex Sciangula
Pos: LW
Ht: 5'11"
Wt: 196 lbs

#10
Trev Blanchard
Pos: RW
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 220 lbs

#11
Eric Begin
Pos: D
Ht; 6'11"
Wt: 222 lbs

#12
Brad Gager
Pos: C/Wing
Ht: 5'7"
Wt: 173 lbs

#14
R. Des Alliers
Pos: LW
Ht: 6'2"
Wt: 210 lbs

#15
Marc A Element
Pos: RW
Ht: 5'11"
Wt: 190 lbs

#16
A. Polombaro
Pos: D
Ht: 6' 0"
Wt: 176 lb

#17
Marc Andri Rizk
Pos: LW
Ht: 6'1"
Wt: 203 lbs

#18
Nick Sciangula
Pos: LW
Ht: 5'11"
Wt: 185 lbs

The Challenge Cup
1980
The GB Squad

Keepers
John Puller Racers
Martin White Whitley
Mike Ward Racers
Defence
Alistair Brennan Ayr
Rob Andrews Aviemore
Dave Taylor Racers
Bobby Hay Racers
Gordon Inglis Racers
Alistair Wood Racers
Scott Neil Racers
Forwards
Gordon Latto Fife
Doug Latto Fife
Martin Shields Glasgow
John Hester Glasgow
Steve Hunter Racers
Jim Pennycook Racers
Ronnie Wood Racers
Kevin Hull Whitley
Alfie Miller Whitley
Paul Whitehouse Biill'hm
Ivor Bennett Durham
Paul Smith Durham
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Coaches
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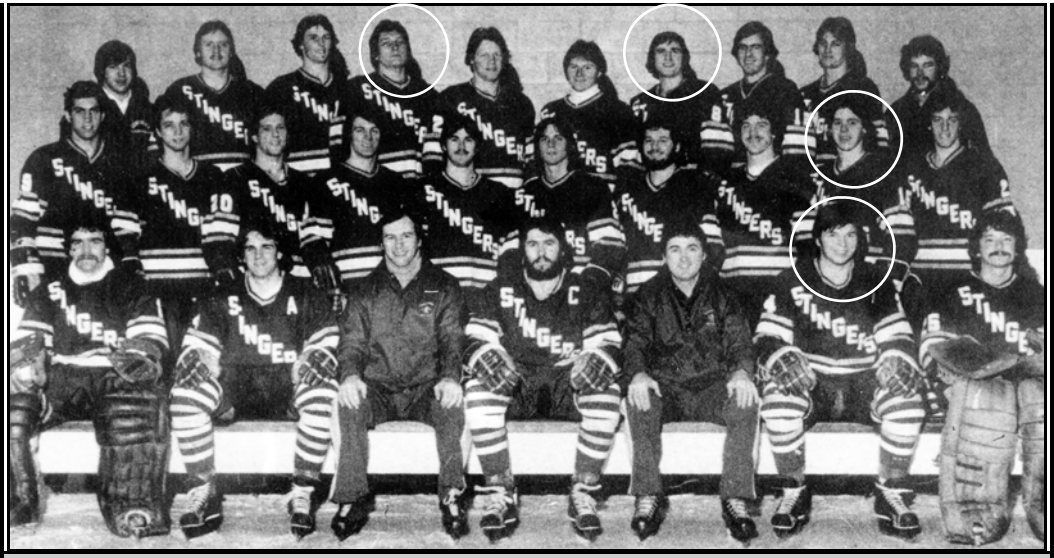
John Grant Fife



The Challenge Cup
1980
The Canadian Squad
(Concordia)

1 Grant McNicoll
3 Mike Elwood
5 Michel Blais
7 Kelly Kavic
8 Roy Halpin
10 Steve Young
11 Luc Faucher
12 Gilles Hebert
14 Doug Feasby
15 Chris Brinster
17 Paul Devillers
18 Dennis Ayotte
19 Mike Piano
20 Kevin Murphy
21 Mike Walker
22 Steve Arnail
23 Roman Dziat-koweic
24 Kevin O'Neil
25 Doug Dragssevich
Coaches…
Phil Arsenault
Bob Phillips

Pictured above are the Canadian team...represented by the entire Concordia Stingers Squad who played in the Challenge Cup Competition at the Dundee Kingsway Ice Rink in April 1980. The Competition was of round robin format and included representation from Great Britain, Denmark &Holland.

The Concordia men were run-away winners thrashing all of their opponents in impressive style. Included in their line up that April weekend were future Dundee Rockets Legends, Mike Walker (top row circled fourth from left), Roy Halpin (top row circled seventh from left), Chris Brinster (middle row circled second from right) & Kevin O'Neil (bottom row circled second from right).
See Mike Ward's story on how these guys and others became local heroes.

A quick look at the British line up, reveals a startling statistic...all of the teams representing our country that year no longer hold a position at the top level of our game at present!

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British Tour 2007-08

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Simon P Sauve
Pos: C
Ht.: 5' 7"
Wt: 172 lbs

#20
Gabriel Boies
Pos: C
Ht.: 5' 10"
Wt: 180 lbs

#21
Mike Baslyk
Pos: C
Ht.: 6' 2"
Wt: 202 lbs

#22
Remi Tremblay
Pos: RW
Ht.: 5' 11"
Wt: 185 lbs

#23
Ryan Smith
Pos: LW
Ht: 5' 11"
Wt: 200

#24
Jean F Boucher
Pos: D
Ht: 6'2"
Wt: 205 lbs

#25
Dmitri Toupikov
Pos: RW
Ht: 6'00"
Wt: 175 lbs

#26
Nic Lafontaine
Pos: LW
Ht: 6'3"
Wt: 200 lbs

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Corey Ruhnke
Pos: C
Ht; 6'1"
Wt: 195 lbs

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#28
Bret Beauchamp
Pos: D
Ht: 6'2"
Wt: 220 lbs

#30
Mike Shrider
Pos: G
Ht: 6'2"
Wt: 210 lbs

#31
Patrick Lepage
Pos: G
Ht: 6'1"
Wt: 195 lbs

#37
Sheldon Baerg
Pos: G
Ht: 5' 10"
Wt: 185 lb

Coach
Kevin Figsby

Who Will We Remember?... Old Dog

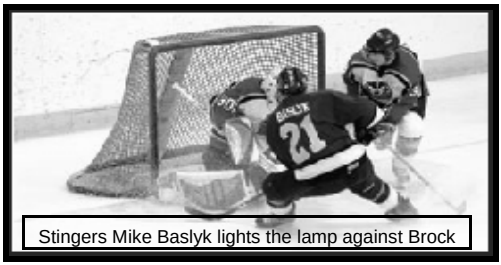
Twenty seven years ago Concordia Stingers came to Dundee and took on the might of Great Britain, Denmark & Holland and blew them all apart in an International Challenge at the old Kingsway Ice Rink.

Tonight our own Dundee Stars have the unenviable task of trying to compete with a side , who's talents, although unknown to us, are riding the crest of the wave back home in their own backyard and at time of going to print sit in second place in a highly competitive CIS league.

Already this year some of Kevin Figsby's men have had a life long dream fulfilled when they played in the Corey Cup competition against the McGill Redmen in the Bell Centre home of the NHL's Canadiens.

Said Kevin recently.. "It was the fulfilment of a life long dream for many of our players to compete at the Bell Centre. It is also an illustration of the respect university hockey has gained in Montreal."

Although going down 3-1 in the game the Concordia guys had a day to remember and quickly put their disappointment behind them with back to back wins back in domestic competition.



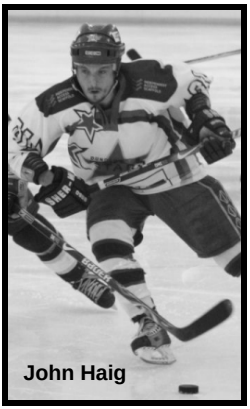
Stingers Mike Baslyk lights the lamp against Brock

We are about to find out just how these 'new kids on the block' compare with the Concordia men of 27 years ago who left such an indelible mark on the face of hockey in Dundee and the country in general.

Stingers Trevor Blanchard nets another!

Tonight the Halpin's, O'Neil's & Brinster's are replaced with guys such as Trevor Blanchard, Mike Balsyk two high scoring forwards and Brett Beauchamp a D man who adds firepower from the back to an already talent packed squad.

So how will our guys cope tonight? It's impossible to compare the Concordia squad of 1980 with that of tonight's, but rest assured they will be of a standard that we here in the SPL can only dream of.



John Haig

The full might of the GB squad failed miserably all these years ago so can we expect a club side at SPL level to do any better!

All we ask for is that our boys go out tonight and enjoy the occasion, these special nights have to be cherished, and it's nights such as these that stick long in the memory and are recalled, often, over a few pints!

John Dolan

So who knows, in another twenty seven years we might be reminiscing about the afore mentioned Concordia guys or perhaps the likes of John Haig, John Dolan & Iain Robertson, to name a few!

Whatever the outcome of tonight's match-up lets all enjoy the occasion and give the warmest of New Year welcomes to both sides...I know you will!

Old Dog

Iain Robertson

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7	Craig Phillips	C	D
8	Billy Hogg		D
11	Jeff Marshall	Imp	D
13	Ewan Heeles		F
15	Barry Carnegie		F
16	John Dolan	A	F
17	Kyle Doig		F
18	Kris Petrie		F
19	Sam McCluskey		D
20	Iain Robertson		F
21	Allan Hamilton		F
26	Liam Greig		F
27	Willie Nicolson		D
30	Craig Arthur		NM
61	Gordon Latto		F
81	John Haig	A	F
	Kenny Collins		NM
	Gavin Holmes		D
	Ross McIntosh		F

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Concordia Stingers

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DUNDEE TEXOL STARS	
AWAY	

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LINESMAN	

2	David Parent	D
3	Ron Smith	D
4	Justin Ciampini	D
5	Jesse Goodsell	D
6	David Coughlin	D
7	Jason Beliveau	LW
8	Alex Sciangula	LW
10	Trev Blanchard	RW
11	Eric Begin	D
12	Brad Gager	C/W
14	R Des Alliers	LW
15	Marc A Element	RW
16	A Polombaro	D
17	Marc Andri Rizk	LW
18	Nick Sciangula	LW
19	Simon P Sauve	C
20	Gabriel Boies	C
21	Mike Baslyk	C
22	Remi Tremblay	RW
23	Ryan Smith	LW
24	Jean F Boucher	D
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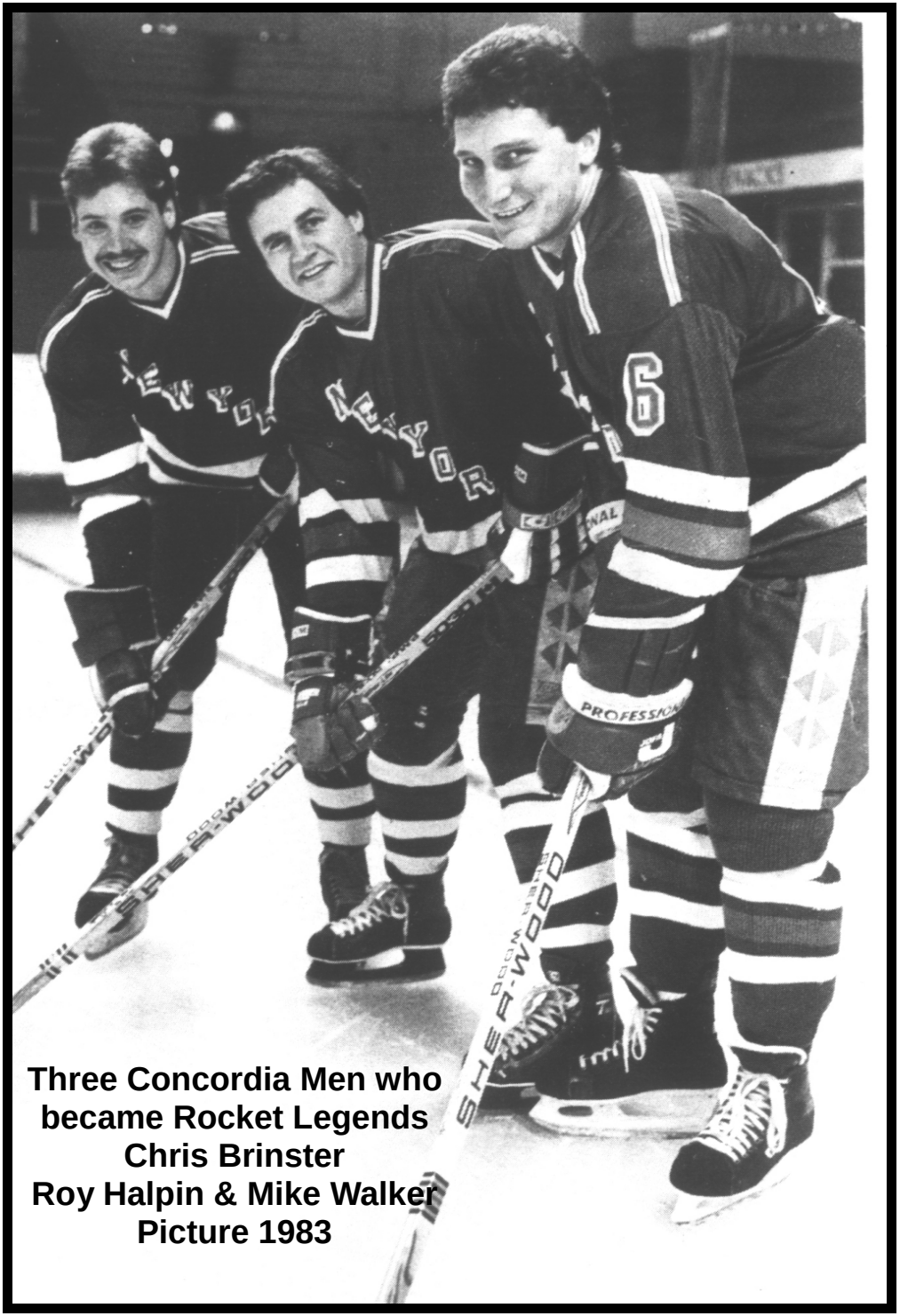

Three Concordia Men who became Rocket Legends
Chris Brinster
Roy Halpin & Mike Walker
Picture 1983

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Mr Magic…. by Angusloon

Happy New Year to one and all!

Tonight we welcome very special First Foots as the Concordia Stingers University Team take to the ice for the first time here at the Dundee Ice Arena. Our older fans will remember with delight the last time they iced in Dundee at the old Kingsway rink when they represented Team Canada in an International hockey event in 1980.

Their taking part in that event had more significance locally than we could possibly have known at the time as three of their players became the first imports to play for Dundee Rockets in September 1981. Kevin O'Neill scored almost 70 points in one season here, defenseman Chris Brinster stayed much longer and racked up nearly 200 points from the blue line but it was the legendary Roy Halpin that made the biggest impression amongst the Dundee supporters.

"The Hammer" as he was affectionately known enjoyed three and a half great seasons with us here in Dundee before a recurring back injury brought about a very sad, premature retirement from professional hockey. However in this time he broke most of the scoring records around but never let any individual stats appear in the Rockets programme as he firmly believed that hockey was a team sport.

I fondly remember the night he scored 14 goals against Durham Wasps to beat the existing British record for the most goals scored in a single game. These were only 14 of almost 350 he scored in 122 games in a Rockets shirt and when you add in his near 300 assists you begin to see the advantage of having "Mr Magic" in your side!

My lasting memory of Roy's play will always be how dangerous he was behind the opponent's net. A master of the wrap around, he also was very adept at scoring by hitting the puck in off the back of the goalies pads!

Roy was deservedly inducted into the British Hockey Hall of Fame in 1986 and is now a successful sports administrator back in his native Canada. He was a great ambassador for the sport of ice hockey in this country and when Dundee Rockets decided to run a testimonial game for him, the club were inundated with an unprecedented number of requests to play in this special game. A number of clubs sent him their team jerseys with his name and the famous number 9 on them. He may have scored a few goals against them but everyone off the ice recognised him as one of the game's true gentlemen.

Last month I tracked Roy down via his Sports Company website and speculatively sent off an e-mail asking if he would be willing to answer a few questions to include in my weekly programme article. To my surprise back came a reply from Roy within twenty minutes saying he was humbled by my request and that he would be honoured to write for the Dundee hockey fans.

Tonight is a very appropriate evening to unveil Roy's memorable moments from his time amongst us in Dundee. These are Roy's thoughts without any prompting and I believe they make fascinating reading about a time that all Dundee supporters can rightly be proud off. I hope you get as much enjoyment from his article as I did! To my mind they simply confirm what we have all known all along. Roy Halpin was a true Dundee Legend in hockey terms but also a true gentleman off the ice!

I hope we all enjoy a great game of hockey tonight and raise a pint of heavy to Mr Roy Halpin! *Angusloon*

My dear Dundee friends… a message from Roy Halpin

Having recently been invited to share some memorable moments with you, I must first say I am honoured that hockey friends afar remember the history and marvels of the early 80's in Dundee. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and for allowing me to convey a few thoughts.

As I stated many times throughout my career, what one player does in the way of goals and assists is of no significance in hockey terms. Hockey and its history remembers championship teams. I believe, over time, the Rockets earned this respect. Personally, I love to win more than my love for the game itself and, fortunately, I was blessed by playing on many championship teams in my career none more satisfying and enjoyable as that experienced with the Dundee Rockets. No goal, win or trophy comes to mind more so than the consistency we brought to the game over those years.

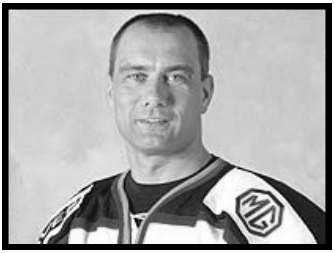
I must confess that the little I knew of ice hockey in Britain was not a major factor in deciding to play for Dundee. How unforeseeable it was that Tom Stewart, Dundee and hockey in Scotland would impress upon me my most treasured years and memories in hockey.

As I flew to Dundee in late summer 1981, I pondered over the unknown ahead. As my nature is to live with great expectations, I truly believed that great things would happen in both a hockey and personal sense. I clearly recall walking off the plane with a clean slate of anticipation and limited notions on the status of the game but with a well defined commitment to giving the owner, team, fans and league my fullest potential.

Stephen Cooper

Over the next four seasons I was introduced to a regalia of exceptional and not so exceptional aspects of the game which allowed me to paint an affectionate understanding of the growing pains British hockey was facing in the early 80s and, more importantly, Scottish hospitality now forever etched in my heart.

The overall level of players was slightly better than average in Canadian terms. But for a few, teams were shallow in quality after the top five or six players. Exceptional describes the emergence of good young players such as Tony Hand (pictured below) and the Cooper brothers during my stay.



While mental toughness and abundant desire truly depicted the exemplary player of the time, "hockey sense" was sparse. There were talented players on all teams but few could be categorized as being creative "with" and more importantly "without" the puck. Teams such as Durham, Edinburgh, Streatham, Fife, Nottingham and ourselves dominated the scene leaving as many teams far behind competitively.

As we were a new team and our bench was short (10 to 12 players only), our mandate was different. Developing young players, as Edinburgh was doing, was unfortunately not a priority. I am still of the feeling that Dundee repetitively won not because we were more talented but rather by self-managing our limited numbers extremely well in a healthy, jovial and most times intoxicated environment .

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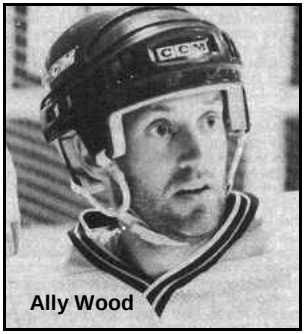
My dear Dundee friends… a message from Roy Halpin…continued

No team or coach was able to read or counter the strategy, pace, creativity and durability the Rockets offered. How could any opposing coach cope with the endless stamina of the two Wood brothers, Ally and Ronnie, the steadiness of Mike Ward, the flair of Joe Guilcher, Jock McGuff, Charlie Kinmond and most importantly the leadership of George Reid? Top these assets with my partners in crime, Chris Brinster, Kevin O'Neill, Al Leblanc and Mike Walker plus a substantial dose of team spirit and nothing less than a winning formula was procreated.

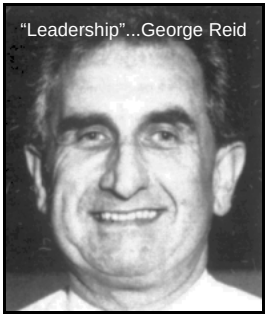


Ally Wood

At that time, I, like many, had a sense that the management and financial status of all teams had a direct link and influence on the quality of teams. It is a well known fact that teams rich in ownership and spectators (much like Dundee) were ahead of the game but nowhere had I seen this with such a clear distinction. Financial support became the most influential factor between winning and losing. While some owners were still dabbling in the love for the sport and simply managed a day-to-day operation, new owners were making it a business. The early 80s brought about the beginnings of a more corporate and profit-driven reality essential to the growth of a game that had been stagnant for years.

As the nature of the British game had been idling over the last 30+ years, infrastructures were, to say the least, antiquated. I vividly remember my first encounter with Ayr Ice Rink thinking "this ice surface is so small I can probably deflect my own shot", .then again my shot might have been the issue here!

Also noteworthy was the lack of showers in the visitors changing room in Nottingham and being harassed exquisitely by a line-up of great looking women as we made our way in bath towels to the showers. Since hockey played second fiddle to curling and figure skating in many rinks, the need for new or updated hockey facilities was typically dormant. British ice hockey obviously longed that improved quality and interest in the game would eventually lead to better facilities as we see today. Quality facilities and sound development of youth hockey inevitably assures ongoing growth of ice hockey and Scotland today seems to be on track towards a healthier game.


"Leadership"...George Reid

In today's world I am the Executive Director for Tennis Canada and the National Tennis Center in Montreal. Besides overseeing and organizing the Canadian Open Tennis Championships, part of the men's Masters Series, we own and manage two stadiums and an indoor facility. Steve Salter, my colleague and former Rocket, and I, keep ourselves busy presenting major concerts, sports competitions and special events on a year round basis.

I am married to wonderful Martine and have two precious kids named Liam (4) and Gabrielle (6). My house is patrolled by a vicious Westie and my home bar is stocked with malts and hockey memorabilia from Dundee. I continue to play hockey three times a week and am off fishing whenever I can with Steve and Louie Coté (another former Rocket).

If all goes well, I should be visiting you all in 2008, as I truly miss my Dundee friends and, if your memory serves you right, a good pint of 'heavy'.

Tarameduck

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Kevin Figsby was hired by the Department of Recreation and Athletics on Jan. 5, 2000 to take over the Concordia Stingers men's hockey program.

Figsby is a successful motivator with more than 20 years of coaching experience at the provincial, national and international levels. He is probably best known for coaching the Lac St. Louis Midget AAA Lions from 1993-'98.

In 1995, Kevin was head coach of the Quebec entry at the world under-17 championship, winning a bronze medal.

Kevin recently completed his Canadian Hockey Association Level 4 coaching certification. It is the highest level of certification offered by the CHA and is designed to prepare coaches for leadership roles in national and international hockey. Less than 30 Canadian coaches have reached this level.

Kevin was also a respected player. He played his minor hockey with the Ville Emard Hurricanes. He went on to play junior hockey in Quebec, with the John Abbott Islanders and the Bishop's Gaiters.

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Bettyblueline's Trivia Challenge

Generally as Scots we believe that we are a very knowledgeable segment of world society and that we have contributed more that our fair share to the modern world. Perhaps this can be demonstrated with our many inventions. These include the television, telephone, postage stamp and many other cornerstones of civilised society. These multiple contributions lead to the great Scots claim of "wha's like us!".

Canadians on the other had are a much more dignified bunch (unless its on ice). As member of the G8 (Canada was the seventh member), Canada has one of the world's strongest and most dynamic economies even if their dollar is getting a bit on the strong side for their own good.

Curiously Canada also produces the best pipers and highland dancers in the world - they are amazingly better at being Scottish than we are.

So the Canucks know a lot about us, but what do we actually know about them. Here are some straightforward everyday Canadian questions - see how you get on?

If you get 80% correct you can consider yourself a bona fide Canadian. If you get less than 20% consider yourself part of the Bush fraternity!

Have fun and enjoy tonight's game.

(Answers next Page) *Bettybluline*

Q1	Who is the current Prime Minister of Canada?	**Q2**	Who are the current Grey Cup Champions (Canada's version of the Super Bowl?	**Q3**	Western, Waterloo & Wilfred Laurier are Universities in which province?
A.	PierreTrudeau	A.	Hamilton Tiger Cats	A.	Ontario
B.	Brian Mulroney	B.	Saskatchewan Roughriders	B.	Quebec
C.	Stephen Harper	C.	Winnipeg Bluebombers	C.	Alberta
D	Jean Chretien	D	British Columbia Lions	D	British Columbia
Q4	Moncton is the main city in which Canadian province?	**Q5**	The Montreal Canadiens have won how many Stanley Cups?	**Q6**	The Toronto Maple Leafs have won how many Stanley Cups?
A.	New Brunswick	A.	24	A.	24
B.	Newfoundland	B.	15	B.	15
C.	Nova Scotia	C.	13	C.	13
D	Prine Edward Island	D	10	D	10
Q7	Which was the last Canadian team to win the Stanley Cup?	**Q8**	Currently the most watched Canadian television program is?	**Q9**	What Canadian city is nicknamed Cowtown?
A.	Edmonton Oilers	A.	Coaches Corner	A.	Saskatoon
B.	Montreal Canadiens	B.	The CBC News	B.	Regina
C.	Toronto Maple Leafs	C.	Dragons Den	C.	Calgary
D	Vancouver Canucks	D	Little Mosque on the Prairie	D	Edmonton
Q 10	Maurice (Mo) Johnston is manager of?	**Q 11**	What do Canadians nickname the "Loonie"?	**Q 12**	How many Canadian Provinces are there?
A.	Toronto Rock	A.	The Canadian Dollar	A.	7
B.	Toronto FC	B.	People from Newfoundland	B.	8
C.	Toronto Raptors	C.	A type of back bacon	C.	9
D	Toronto Argonauts	D	Strong Beer	D	10
Q 13	Which city is nicknamed Hogtown?	**Q 14**	The main export from the province of Saskatchewan is?	**Q 15**	Scots make up approximately what percentage of the Canadian population?
A.	Toronto	A.	Back Bacon	A.	7%
B.	Ottawa	B.	Donuts	B.	14%
C.	Winnipeg	C.	Bear	C.	21%
D	Halifax	D	Wheat	D	28%

Concordia Stingers… Coaches Thoughts… Home & Away

Head coach Kevin Figsby expects to see a more experienced and steady Concordia squad in action this season and of course tonight!. " I expect to be strong on the attack, explained Figsby. We've improved on the defensive end and are solid in nets. I expect consistent performances from the returning players and a major contributions from the rookies". With 20 returning players in the line-up the coach has reason to be optimistic. The only major loss from last season is defenseman Trevor Hawkins, the team captain who graduated and went to play professional in Australia. The Stingers will rely heavily on third-year right wing Trevor Blanchard to provide the leadership on offence. He was Concordia's leading scorer last season with 14 goals and 17 assists for 31 points in 25 games.

Figsby also expects great offensive output from Dmitri Toupikov, a right winger who joined the Stingers in January last season. He had four goals and three assists in 11 games. Another veteran with big responsibilities is fourth-year defenseman Ron Smith, who is expected to lead the team on the back end. One rookie to watch closely is left wing Nicolas Lafontaine, a six-foot-three, 200-pound power forward with three years of experience in the QMJHL. Last season he played with the Joliette L'Action of the Quebec junior AAA league, scoring 51 goals and adding 40 assists in 54 games. He will have an immediate impact on the Concordia power play.

Concordia is looking to improve on its 8-16-3-1, fourth-place finish in the OUA Far East conference last season, and Kevin Figsby is confident the pieces are in place.

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Bettyblueline's Trivia Answers…

Q1 **C**	Q2 **B**	Q3 **A**	Q4 **A**	Q5 **A**
Q6 **C**	Q7 **B**	Q8 **A**	Q9 **C**	Q10 **B**
Q11 **A**	Q12 **D**	Q13 **A**	Q14 **D**	Q15 **B**

Peter Bender the assistant coach of the Concordia Stingers who played and coached in the UK had some strong words to say on the plight of British Ice Hockey recently.

Firstly Peter commented on his stay coaching and playing in the UK a few years back when he coached Whitley in the 90's for a few years when they played in the Premier League… " It was great hockey and I met some truly wonderful people (in and out of hockey in my time there. Francis Smith was wonderful to me as an owner and made my coaching experience worth that much more. Players like David Long staff, Kevin Dean and Simon Leach were the epitome of pro hockey players.".

Peter was critical of the CBC bias coverage regarding the recent NHL exposure to the local UK fans in London. "I recently saw a television piece done by the CBC as part of the NHL hype for the recent game in London. It was biased and condescending as per asking Londoners about hockey and then using select responses to fit the notion that British are ignorant about the game.

I found the British fans to be knowledgeable and as devoted to the game as any in Canada. The Reuters correspondent, who was more used to a political hustle and bustle type of interview made some bold and very narrow research to try and make a very weak point about the NHL and the game in the UK..

Both the NHL Commissionaire Gary Bettman and my self stated at any given time in London their were at least five top rate soccer matches being played, plus Rugby, at a National level and any number of other events. That, plus theatre plays, cinema and a host of other social events it is no wonder why the local Londoner was sometimes unaware of the total amount of sport on offer on any given weekend.

With fans wearing a dichotomy of colours from their hockey shirts around the world, plus a gaggle of two hundred sports writer, broadcasters and alike from all four corners of the globe. I think the CAC might be just a bit off course on their opinion of the average European and or UK hockey fan awareness of what was on offer".

To all our learned Scottish Ice Hockey fans...Enjoy tonight's game and thank you for your support.

Kevin Figsby & Peter Bender

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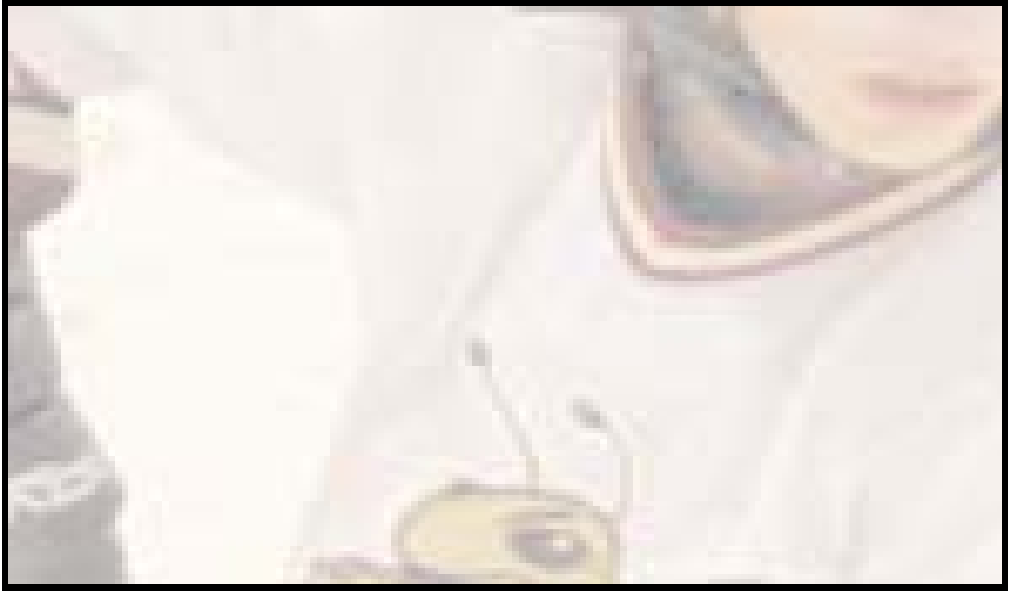

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